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FROM: [REDACTED]

DATE: 17 November 1952

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1. At our subcommittee meeting on 4 November we discussed the [REDACTED] program at some length, with particular emphasis on the dissemination problem and the difficulties attending the organizing and conducting of a course in [REDACTED]. It was agreed that I should sound you out on the following:

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a. The possibility of providing to us four copies of each brief instead of the single copy we are now getting.

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b. The feasibility of changing the format of [REDACTED] reports to make them usable without the need for cross-checking with the corresponding brief.

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25X1X7 c. [REDACTED] capability for and attitude toward including all US personnel in its training program.

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2. Army, Navy, Air and CIA all have need for retention copies of the [REDACTED] briefs, primarily for the purpose of comparing their information with that available to [REDACTED]. To circulate a single copy of the brief to each agency in turn would take an endless amount of time, would undoubtedly result in the loss of some material and would, in general, be most unsatisfactory. It would be possible, with some considerable effort, for us to reproduce here all of the material which is not in mimeograph form (there being no need for the latter since you have already indicated ability to provide multiple copies). It is just possible, however, that it would be more practicable, and perhaps more economical if it could be done at the time the brief is prepared. This we are unable to judge without detailed knowledge of the methods employed and the facilities available to you. The Air Force representative tells us that rather extensive reproduction facilities exist in [REDACTED] and that perhaps they could be utilized for this purpose. If it is certain that mass production of the briefs in [REDACTED] is not possible, we will then proceed to solve the problem here as best we can.

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3. As you know, much of the information being reported in response to the folders is in the briefest form possible (e.g., the words [REDACTED] will be cross referenced to the number of the item in the folder, and this constitutes the answer to the specific question). This means that in order to make the report meaningful, the reader must have before him a copy of the corresponding [REDACTED] folder. You can appreciate the fact that in ORR alone it would be quite impossible to provide folders to everyone concerned.

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The alternative, somewhat laborious and expensive, is to have someone in our Requirements Branch rewrite these reports so that, insofar as possible, they are complete in themselves. They can never be completely self-explanatory because of the references to mosaics and overlays but we could satisfy this need by announcing to all recipients of reports that the appropriate folder is available in some centrally located place. A more practical scheme would be, of course, to receive from you these self-explanatory reports which could be disseminated without further delay. May we have your thoughts on this?

4. Your memorandum about the briefing given to [REDACTED] was very interesting and we appreciate your having sent the copy of [REDACTED] tour program. [REDACTED] tells us that [REDACTED] has forwarded to State Department Washington a recommendation that all foreign service personnel be scheduled for the complete tour in the future. Apparently [REDACTED] was much impressed by the treatment given him. [REDACTED] talked with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] when he was here recently and [REDACTED] intimated that [REDACTED] would be willing to include all US personnel in the [REDACTED] if this were possible. If this were possible we would be spared the rather difficult job of setting up our own training program. It appears likely that Army, Navy and Air Force will all be able to route their [REDACTED] We are now collecting statistics from State, Army, Navy and Air on the numbers and types of representatives who have been assigned to USSR and Satellite posts during 1952. We will transmit this information as soon as all returns are in.

5. It is generally felt here (at least in ORR) that maximum benefit will be derived from this program if we lean quite heavily on [REDACTED] rather than attempt to establish a parallel organization. It should be possible, if necessary, [REDACTED] program since in any event [REDACTED] seems inevitable.

6. Inasmuch as the thoughts expressed here do not necessarily represent the consensus of our subcommittee members at this time, we are not in position to make any firm proposals or commitments to [REDACTED]. As you know, the [REDACTED] has not as yet been approved by the EIC or the IAC which means we are still operating without a charter. It is still safe to assume that the program will receive official blessing and we should, therefore, continue our planning.

7. After you have had an opportunity to discuss these matters with [REDACTED] will you please inform us of your reactions.

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P.S. Since writing paragraph 2 above we have received your memorandum of 30 October (#130) which tends to confirm our assumption that reproduction

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of the graphics material will have to be done here. We have discussed this with [REDACTED] who has impressed us with the magnitude of the job as well as the technical difficulties involved. We are still awaiting final word from him.